MR. N. RAMAMURTI: It could be done but so far as the policy of the Department has been accepted it is not being done.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether any ex-service men are recruited as conductors ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

*Scale of pay of Conductors and Inspectors.*

318. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the scale of pay of conductors of the Transport Department;

(*b*) the scale of pay of Inspectors in the Transport Department ; and

(*c*) the rules with regard to leave and pension of Conductors and Inspectors ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: (*a*) Rs. 25-3-40.

(*b*) Rs. 45-5-75 and Rs. 80-5-100.

(*c*) Inspectors are governed by the provisions of the Travancore Service Regulations.

Conductors are eligible for one month's leave on full pay and one month's sick leave on half pay for one year's service. They also have the benefit of the Provident Fund.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the service personnel belong to the permanent cadre ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that these conductors are the most hard-put of all the employees of the Department ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: They are as hard-put as any other employee of the Department.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member has considered the desirability of increasing the salary of these conductors ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: They are being given special allowances during war time.

*Teachers selected to go to Britain for training.*

319. * MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of the teachers selected to go to Britain for training in inspection ;

(*b*) the names of those recommended by the Director of Public Instruction ; and

(*c*) the principle on which the selection was based ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI:

(*a*) 1. Mr. A. K. Damodaran Pillai.

2. „ K. George ; and

3. Sry. M. A. Thankamma.



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